

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

A replacement drawing sheet for Figure 2b is attached in Appendix A.

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated January 31, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claims 1-5, 8-15, 17-19 and 21-33 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. The amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

Submitted herewith in Appendix A is a replacement sheet of Figure 2b. This figure has been amended to correct a clerical error in the reference numbers. In particular, reference number 25a has been changed to 25b to conform with paragraph 29 of the present specification. The amendment to Figure 2b is fully supported by the originally filed specification and no new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **I. OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS**

The drawings have been objected to as allegedly failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Since claim 1 has been amended to delete the term "gutter", it is believed that this objection has been obviated and that the drawings comply with CFR 1.84(p)(5). Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

### **II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-5 and 8-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Although applicants disagree with this rejection, claim 1 has been amended to delete the term "gutter". Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the deleted subject matter in one or more related applications.

It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 obviates this rejection and that claim 1, as amended, and the claims depending therefrom comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-14 are respectfully requested.

### **III. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION**

Claims 1-5 and 8-15, 17-18 and 21-33 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,638,246.

While not agreeing with this rejection, attorneys for applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,638,246

with the necessary fee to overcome the double patenting rejection. *See* Appendix B. Common ownership of the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,638,246 are established in the Terminal Disclaimer. The Terminal Disclaimer is believed to obviate this rejection. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 1-5, 8-15, 17-18, and 21-33 are respectfully requested.

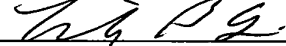
**IV. CONCLUSION**

As the Examiner's objections and rejections have been overcome, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with applicants' position, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

Appendix A  
Revised Figure (see attached copy)